

Amendments to the Drawings:

The drawing sheet attached in connection with the above-identified application containing Figures 8(a) and 8(b) is being substituted for the previously submitted drawing sheet. Appended to this amendment is an annotated copy of the previous drawing sheet which has been marked to show changes presented in the replacement sheet of the drawing.

The specific change which has been made to Figure 8(a) is the addition of the words "Prior Art".

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and in view of the reasons that follow.

Claim 1 has been cancelled.

This amendment adds, changes and/or deletes claims in this application. A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the application, irrespective of whether the claim(s) remain under examination in the application, is presented, with an appropriate defined status identifier.

After canceling claim 1 as set forth above, claims 2-17 are now pending in this application.

Information Disclosure Statement

Applicant wishes to thank the Office for providing a signed and initialed copy of the SB/08 form provided with the Information Disclosure Statement filed on July 14, 2003. Applicant notes that an Information Disclosure Statement and SB/08 form were also filed on July 26, 2006. Applicant respectfully requests a signed and initialed copy of this SB/08 form with the next Office correspondence.

Drawing Objection

The Office Action states that the drawings are objected to because Figure 8 should include a "Prior Art" label. Figure 8(a) has been amended to include a "Prior Art" label. As described in paragraphs 0006 and 0020 of Applicant's specification, Figure 8(a) is a diagram of a related arm structure. However, Figure 8(b) is a diagram of a theory of Applicant's invention, as explained in paragraphs 0021 and 0022 of Applicant's specification, and should not include a "Prior Art" label. Withdrawal of this objection is respectfully requested.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 3,087,348. Claim 1 has been cancelled. Withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 2-17 have been allowed and are the only remaining claims pending. Therefore, Applicant believes that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check or credit card payment form being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

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